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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/678,225	HARUKI ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
	Ryan J Hesseltine	2623

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 17-19 and 24-27 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 17-19 and 24-27 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 06 October 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/639,098.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/6/03.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. 09/639,098, filed on August 16, 2000.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 17-19 and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dickinson et al. (USPN 6,631,201, newly cited, hereafter Dickinson).

4. Regarding claim 17, Dickinson discloses an identification-information-acquisition device 5 to be detachably mounted in an extension device 1 which has such a configuration as to be mounted in a container portion of an information processing device 11 (Figure 3), and which includes a carrier unit 2 that moves from a position where said carrier unit is encased in the container portion (retracted or closed position) to a position where said carrier unit is situated outside the container portion (active or open position) (Figure 1; column 3, line 53-65), said identification-information-acquisition device 5 comprising an identification-information-acquisition unit which receives identification information (column 4, line 52-61), wherein the carrier unit moves said identification-information-acquisition unit from an encased position to a

position where the identification information can be entered in said identification-information-acquisition unit when said identification-information-acquisition device is mounted on the carrier unit (column 5, line 5-17).

5. Regarding claim 24, Dickinson discloses an identification-information-acquisition device 5 to be detachably mounted in an information processing device (11, Figure 3) which includes a carrier unit 2 that moves from a position where the carrier unit is encased (retracted or closed position) in the information processing device to a position where the carrier unit is exposed (active or open position) outside the information processing device (Figure 1; column 3, line 53-65), said identification-information-acquisition device 5 comprising an identification-information-acquisition unit which receives identification information (column 4, line 52-61), wherein the carrier unit 2 moves said identification-information-acquisition unit from an encased position to a position where the identification information can be entered in said identification-information-acquisition unit when said identification-information-acquisition device is mounted on the carrier unit (column 5, line 5-17).

6. Regarding claims 18 and 25, Dickinson discloses that said identification-information-acquisition unit includes a biological-information-acquisition unit for acquiring biological (biometric) information (column 3, line 60-65).

7. Regarding claims 19 and 26, Dickinson discloses that said biological information includes one of fingerprints, retinal patterns, voice, handwritings, and facial features (column 1, line 43-52; column 4, line 52-61).

8. Regarding claim 27, Dickinson discloses that said identification-information-acquisition unit is configured to be detachable from said carrier unit (column 16, line 25-32).

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited references are the same that were cited with respect to the parent application 09/639,098.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan J Hesseltine whose telephone number is 703-306-4069. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au can be reached on 703-308-6604. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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October 28, 2004


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